



OHS-Affiliated Historical Society Honoured with Provincial Heritage Award

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

The Scadding Award is presented to a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history. The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2017 Scadding Award of Excellence to the **Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior (CLLS)**.



CLLS Managing Director Paul Morralee (centre) accepts the 2017 Scadding Award from Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth (left) and OHS Director Kris Ives.

The Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior was formed in 2012 by a dedicated group of volunteers with the mandate to preserve, protect, and promote public access to the lighthouses on the North shore of Lake Superior. The Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior organization recognizes these historic maritime structures as unique heritage resources. The lighthouses stretch over an 800-kilometer shoreline from the Thunder Bay area to Sault Ste. Marie.

Impressively, the Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior has gained leases from the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to access and maintain three lighthouses in the region—Porphyry, Number Ten, and Trowbridge. Along with access to and maintenance of the physical structures, this group is dedicated to restoring the navigational history and sharing the rich stories of the area's nautical history with locals and visitors alike. Each year, the Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior has welcomed visiting tourists, artists, painters, outdoor adventurers, birders, kayakers, sailors, and boaters to enjoy the historic lighthouses and the region.

The group's many achievements include, but are not limited to: the development of an annual Superior Lighthouses Symposium; Heritage Designation for the Lamb Island Lighthouse; developing and hosting the Porphyry Island Superior Rendezvous event; engaging volunteers; creating summer job opportunities for students; developing an artist-in-residence program; engaging citizen scientists to catalogue native plants on the island and developing a corresponding book; and gathering lighthouse histories and making them available to visitors and the community.

Through their significant efforts to preserve and promote their region's lighthouses, the Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior has forged strong ties and encouraged partnerships between communities, heritage organizations, and other agencies. The Honours and Awards Committee of the Ontario Historical Society is pleased to recognize these contributions with the Scadding Award of Excellence.

Founded in 1888, the Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation and registered charity dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Ontario's history for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds. To learn more about the OHS's Honours and Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please visit <https://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/index.php/categories> or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

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